

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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The United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi will launch its Case Management / Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System in November 2004.

CM/ECF is an Internet-based filing system that is replacing the case management systems presently used by federal courts nationwide.

CM/ECF has two components:

- Case Management [CM], for use by the clerk's office, and
- Electronic Case Filing [ECF], for use by the bar and public.

The *Go Live* dates for the systems are: CM—November 2004, ECF—January 2005. Benefits include: savings in paper and mailing costs, immediate electronic filings in clerk's office, and 24-hour electronic access to files.

Beginning January 2005, pleadings and case-related materials will either be filed electronically by attorneys or scanned into the system by court personnel. Following the test period, all new civil cases will be filed electronically.

Training sessions will be offered weekly at the U.S. District Court in Oxford. Attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants, and secretaries are highly encouraged to attend the sessions.

For more information, please visit the court's website at

<http://www.msnd.uscourts.gov/ecf/index.htm>

or call (662) 234-1971.

